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BOOK REVIEWS.

AMERICAN ELECTRICAL CASES. Edited by WILLIAM W. MORRILL. Volume III. Albany, N. Y.: Matthew Bender. 1895.

The third volume of this series contains complete reports of over one hundred selected cases. A comparison of this volume with the preceding one will disclose some interesting facts relating to the growth and development of electricity and electrical devices. Of the one hundred and thirty cases in Vol. 2, sixty-nine are cases relating to the liabilities of telegraph companies as public carriers of news ; while of the one hundred and ten cases in Vol. 3, only forty-two are of that class. In Vol. 2 there are but two cases, which pertain to the subject of the interference of electrical currents, while in Vol. 3 there are ten such cases. Twenty-five or nearly one-fourth of the entire number of cases in Vol. 3 relate to the subject of electric railway companies. These facts are too significant to require comment.

Among the cases of especial interest to be found in this volume are the following : *In re Kemmler*, in which the constitutionality of the New York electrocution laws was maintained ; *Banning v. Banning*, in which it was decided that an acknowledgment of a deed may be taken by telephone ; four cases which hold that the addressee of a telegram may recover substantial damages for mental suffering alone, and three cases which lay down the doctrine that the contract of sending a telegram is one which in certain cases will be valid and binding when made on Sunday.

The same excellent method of arrangement and indexing has been retained.

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